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I strongly urge the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to stop leases and construction of the Greater Moose's Tooth -2 (GMT-2) until a complete evaluation that includes the many adverse environmental impacts and contributions to climate change that includes the proposed lease area along with transport and combustion impacts. It is unacceptable that Conoco-Phillips be awarded a lease for GMT-2 when the impact assessment is not yet completed for GMT-1. There must not be a rush to develop oil extraction in the Western Arctic until full and in depth environmental assessments are completed.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires a thorough environmental analysis and review. The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) affirms the NEPA and directs agencies to “discuss relevant approved federal, regional, state, tribal, or local plans, policies or laws for greenhouse gas emission reductions or climate adaptation to make clear whether a proposed project’s greenhouse gas emissions are consistent with such plans or laws.” The BLM Regional Mitigation Strategy (RMS) must be completed and reviewed before considering additional leases or expansions. A complete analysis must be conducted and reviewed before the BLM can prepare a RMS which adequately address the adverse impacts and provides mitigation prior to allowing GMT-2 to proceed.

Areas of impact from GMT-1 which still remain to be analyzed include:

Adverse impacts of fossil fuel combustion on the area coastlines, taking into account the outsized effect of climate change on this region.

Inclusive impacts of local extraction and transportation on global emissions levels, local implications of these global emissions, taking into account Arctic amplification.

Consequences of burning oil from the project for end-use activities like transportation and how they will affect climate change, including an assessment of the emissions' effect at the time they occur, keeping in mind that the negative impacts of emissions generally increase over time.

How emissions from the extraction and transportation of oil and gas from the site, including short-term climate forcers like black carbon, will affect climate change.

Please do not continue forward until the proper assessments and mitigation plans are in place to ensure that the Western Arctic is managed with conservation and culture as guiding principles. Our public lands must be managed in a manner that does not harm our health, destroy the environment or jeopardize the future of our planet.

Western Arctic is managed with culture and conservation

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